

*Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing
c/o Legislative Office Building
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Hartford, CT 06160*

Public Hearing Judiciary Committee,

I am concerned and wanted to submit my written testimony in regards to and AGAINST the gun control bill number S.B. 16.

Bills such as these are typically passed under misleading titles and pretenses, like: protecting children, preventing gun violence, and protecting the public. Whereas these bills erode the rights of law-abiding citizens, inhibit their ability to defend themselves, their families, their property, and livelihoods, and embolden criminals who are unaffected by additional legislation. This bill is fraught with arbitrary and superfluous criteria to 'regulate' firearms in a ham-fisted attempt to take action against crime in an election year. This bill will do nothing to reduce gun crime in the state (to which the law-abiding gun owners are not responsible) and lead to an autocatalytic cycle of ill-informed, ineffective (though perhaps well-intentioned) legislation and make no one safer in every increasingly draconian iteration.

It should also be reiterated that restrictions on 2nd amendment rights have historically been levied to prevent minorities from exercising the full extent of their constitutional rights. Restrictions on possessing firearms on public transportation operated by a government entity (line 218) should not be seen as unrelated. This alone negatively affects the most vulnerable portions of the population and their capability for self-defense.

I OPPOSE

S.B. 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS. - As this is an impractical and arbitrary restriction in a state that registers purchased firearms, with the ATF monitoring unusual purchase activity.

I SUPPORT

Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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